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SUBJECT: EMPLOYERS MEET WITH SUAREZ

1. THE MEDIA GAVE CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO THE
DECEMBER 20 MEETING BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ
AND LEADERS OF THE EMPLOYER UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION
CEOE (SPANISH CONFEDERATION OF EMPLOYERS' ORGANIZATIONS),
LED BY CEOE PRESIDENT CARLOS FERRER. ACCORDING TO
PRESS REPORTS, WHILE EXPRESSING THE EMPLOYERS
"PREOCCUPATION AND UNCERTAINTY" WITH RESPECT TO THE
CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION AND SOME OF THE RECENTLY
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ADOPTED GOVERNMENT MEASURES (IN THE MONCLOA PACT),
FERRER VOICED THEIR TOTAL SUPPORT FOR THE PROCESS OF
CONSOLIDATION OF DEMOCRACY AND THEIR DESIRE TO
"COOPERATE LOYALLY" WITH THE GOVERNMENT. ASIDE FROM
THE SHORT-TERM PROBLEM OF TIGHT CREDIT, HE SAID, THEIR
PRINCIPAL PREOCCUPATION CENTERED ON THE NEED TO
ESTABLISH BETTER LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS IN ORDER

TO RENEW THE DYNAMISM OF THE SPANISH ECONOMY AND INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY.

2. SUAREZ IN TURN, ACCORDING TO FERRER, ASSERTED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS A FIRM DEFENDER OF A MARKET ECONOMY, AND FAVORED THE STRENGTHENING OF PRIVATE INDUSTRY WITH PARTICULAR CONCERN FOR THE PROBLEMS OF SMALL AND MEDIUM COMPANIES. NATURALLY, THE GOVERNMENT HAD TO BALANCE THE INTERESTS OF MANAGEMENT AND LABOR AND OTHER SECTORS OF SPANISH SOCIETY, GIVING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE MOST NEEDY GROUPS. SUAREZ EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT IN THE FUTURE THERE BE MORE DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE UCD ON THE ONE HAND, AND THE EMPLOYERS AND THE CEOE ON THE OTHER, "IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF SPAIN." INTERVIEWED BY SPANISH TV AFTER THE TWO-HOUR MEETING, FERRER CHARACTERIZED THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AS "POSITIVE".

3. COMMENT. IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT FERRER, WHO PLAYED MAJOR ROLE IN ORGANIZING ANTI-GOVERNMENT RALLY OF 10,000 BARCELONA BUSINESSMEN ONLY SEVERAL WEEKS AGO (MADRID 9587) IS NOW PIPING A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT AND MORE MODERATE TUNE' IN ANY CASE, SUAREZ - UNDER ATTACK FROM CERTAIN SECTORS OF THE UCD FOR "BRUSHING OFF" THE REAL CONCERNS OF MANY EMPLOYERS - IS CLEARLY CONFIDENTIAL

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MAKING AN EFFORT TO MEND FENCES ON HIS RIGHT FLANK. IN PARTICULAR, THE UCD WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO COUNT ON THE POLITICAL SUPPORT OF THE SMALL AND MEDIUM EMPLOYERS AS THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS DRAW CLOSER. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE LABATT WAS INFORMED DECEMBER 20 BY A KNOWLEDGEABLE EMPLOYER LEADER THAT THE UCD HAD ALREADY APPROACHED CEPYME (SPANISH CONFEDERATION OF SMALL AND MEDIUM COMPANIES) PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ SAHAGUN (ALSO CEOE VICE PRESIDENT, PRESENT DURING THE ABOVE-REPORTED TALK WITH SUAREZ) ON THREE SEPARATE OCCASIONS FOR HELP IN THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN. SPECIFICALLY, THE UCD WANTED CEPYME TO PROVIDE 15,000 TO 50,000 "PARTY WORKERS" THROUGH THEIR SMALL BUSINESS CONTACTS. THE CEPYME, NOT ANXIOUS TO BEAR A PARTY LABEL - AND ALSO WANTING TO KEEP THE DOOR OPEN FOR POSSIBLE COOPERATION WITH THE PSOE - HAS REPORTEDLY NOT COMMITTED ITSELF ON THE MATTER AS YET. STABLER

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